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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: A DEVICE FOR PROTECTING MEDICAL APPARATUS
Inventor: Roberto NERI

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 26 pages, including 3 independent claims and 43 claims total.
2. Drawings- 13 sheets of drawings containing 23 figures.
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Preliminary Amendment
5. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment from Roberto NERI to GAMBRO DASCO S.p.A.
6. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment from GAMBRO DASCO S.p.A. to GAMBRO LUNDIA AB.
7. Certified copy of Italian Patent Application No. MO2003A000079, filed March 21, 2003.
8. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$770	\$ 770.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	43	-	20	23	x \$18	414.00
Independent Claims	3	-	3		x \$86	
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9. A check for \$1554.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

\$770.00 filing fee;
\$704.00 additional claims fee; and
\$80.00 Assignment recordation fee.

Applicant claims the right to priority based on MO2003A000079, filed March 21, 2003, and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/480,403, filed June 23, 2003.

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date and record and return the Assignment to the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this

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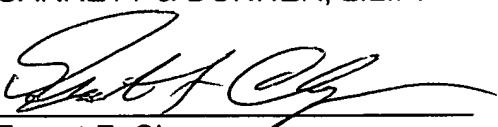
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